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INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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FOR CHARGE NELSON, CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, MNUC, PARM, SF, US

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA NUCLEAR PROBLEM: SMITH VISIT

REF: A) STATE 116259, B) PETTERSON-NELSON TELCON 5/8/78

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT WITH AFRICAN EMOTIONS  
HIGH FOLLOWING SOUTH AFRICAN RAID ON SWAPO CAMPS IN  
ANGOLA, MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR SMITH AND SAG OFFICIALS  
COULD GENERATE STRONG CRITICISM AND ADD EVEN MORE TO  
DIFFICULTY IN ACHIEVING A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, YOU WERE ASKED NOT TO PROCEED WITH  
INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. INSTEAD YOU SHOULD  
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CONTACT FOURIE AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL, AS SECRETARY  
VANCE INDICATED TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA, FOR AMBASSADOR  
GERARD SMITH TO MEET WITH YOU AND OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN  
OFFICIALS.

-- WITH REGARD TO THE TIMING OF A MEETING, WE NOTE THAT  
AMBASSADOR SOLE POINTED OUT YOUR PREOCCUPATION NOW WITH  
THE NAMIBIAN ISSUE.

-- IT IS CLEAR THAT FOR THE MOMENT WE CAN EXPECT  
CONTINUATION OF THE INTENSE FOCUS OF ATTENTION ON NAMIBIA  
BY THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

-- THUS WE BELIEVE THAT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO SCHEDULE A  
MEETING FOR LATER THIS MONTH, AS MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR  
SOLE, WE CONSIDER HOLDING THE MEETING AFTER THE MIDDLE  
OF JUNE.

-- AMBASSADOR SMITH IS COMMITTED TO BE IN VIENNA FOR  
THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING JUNE 6-8 AND  
TO OTHER TRAVEL JUNE 12-14.

-- WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON A DATE FOR THE  
CAPE TOWN TALKS.

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